#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT     | ) |          |            |
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| FILING OF KENTUCKY FRONTIER  | ) | CASE NO. | 2010-00088 |
| GAS, LLC D/B/A EAST KENTUCKY | ) |          |            |
| UTILITIES, INC.              | ) |          |            |

## ORDER

On March 11, 2005, in Case No. 2005-00032,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved rates for East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. ("East Kentucky") and provided for their further adjustment on an as-needed basis in accordance with East Kentucky's Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") clause. On August 15, 2005, Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC assumed operation of the system.

On February 25, 2010, East Kentucky filed its proposed GCA to be effective April 1, 2010.

East Kentucky proposes that the Commission allow it to utilize an Actual Adjustment ("AA") in calculating its GCA.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. East Kentucky's proposal to use an AA in calculating its GCA is reasonable and should be approved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2005-00032, Application of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. for Approval of the Proposed Increase in Rates (Ky. PSC Mar. 11, 2005).

- 2. East Kentucky's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.
- 3. East Kentucky's notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") of \$6.1789 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$1.1090 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$7.2879 per Mcf.
- 4. East Kentucky's notice sets out a current quarter AA of (\$.3096) per Mcf. East Kentucky calculated its AA using an incorrect "EGC in effect for month" for October, November, and December 2009. East Kentucky used the EGC approved in its last GCA case instead of the \$5.6173-per-Mcf EGC approved to be charged during the months of October, November, and December 2009 in Case No. 2009-00323.<sup>2</sup> Correcting this error produces a current quarter AA of \$.1942 per Mcf. East Kentucky's total AA is (\$1.3344) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.2296 per Mcf from the previous total AA of (\$1.5640) per Mcf.
- 5. East Kentucky's GCA is \$4.8445 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.8794 per Mcf from the previous rate of \$5.7239 per Mcf.
- 6. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for service rendered by East Kentucky on and after April 1, 2010.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. East Kentucky's proposal to use an AA is granted.
- 2. East Kentucky's proposed rates are denied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. 2009-00323, Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC d/b/a East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. (Ky. PSC Aug. 27, 2009).

- 3. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered on and after April 1, 2010.
- 4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, East Kentucky shall file its revised tariffs with this Commission, setting out the rates authorized herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission

**ENTERED** 

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

### **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2010-00088 DATED MAR 1 7 2010

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

|           | Base Rate | Gas Cost<br>Recovery<br><u>Rate</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| First Mcf | \$10.00   | \$4.8445                            | \$14.8445    |
| All Mcf   | \$5.2553  | \$4.8445                            | \$10.0998    |

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